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as a separate compilation.

RAJYA SABHA

The following Bill was introduced in the Rajya Sabha on the 4th June, 1971:—

BILL No. III of 1971

*A Bill further to amend the Constitution of India*

Be it enacted by Parliament in the Twenty-second Year of the Republic of India as follows:—

1. This Act may be called the Constitution (Amendment) Act, 1971.

Short title.

2. In article 326 of the Constitution, for the words "twenty-one years" the words "eighteen years" shall be substituted.

Amend-  
ment of  
article  
326.

## STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

At the present moment the minimum qualifying age for adult franchise is 21 but the national consensus is in favour of lowering it to 18. Our young men and women at the age of 18 do play very significant roles in society. Moreover, they are politically conscious and have an active mind. They look forward to the future with dynamism and courage. There is no reason why this significant section of our populace between the ages of 18 and 21 should remain without vote. On the contrary to give them the voting right is to strengthen democracy and to give it a fresh vigour.

Hence this Bill.

BHUPESH GUPTA

## FINANCIAL MEMORANDUM

This Bill proposes to make all young people who are between the ages of 18 and 21, voters for the purpose of elections to the House of the People and Legislative Assemblies of the States. Such a course would entail an additional outlay on the preparation of electoral rolls, etc. It will not be possible to estimate the exact amount as a result of the proposed amendment. In any case the estimated expenditure may not exceed fifteen lakhs rupces a year.

B. N. BANERJEE,  
*Secretary.*

